(b) if so, whether any cooperation of collaboration with the US Federal Bureau of Investigation has been struck for augmenting the Indian Intelligence and anti-terrorist outfits in India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir. Though there have been some high profile terrorist attacks in the past few years, it may not be appropriate to conclude that all these incidents point towards failure of Intelligence Agencies.

(b) and (c) Even though it has not been occasioned by any intelligence failure or any specific terrorist incident, India and United States have institutionalized their cooperation through a Joint Working Group (JWG) on Counter-terrorism established in January, 2000. The Joint Working Group (JWG) support counter terrorism cooperation through, *inter-alia*, strengthening cooperation between intelligence and investigative agencies of the two countries and developing preventive, protective and consequence management capabilities against terrorism.

Inquiry regarding Foreign Exchange received by Asian Health Environment and Allied Database

5138. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Office of the Home Minister received a letter on 5th November, 2001 from Member of Parliament for initiating inquiry regarding foreign exchange received by Asian Health Environment and Allied Database and transfer of copy right to it by NISCOM/ CSIR;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether the above letter was read/criticised in meetings of employees (more than fifty) including accused, held in NISCOM after last week of December in which Director NISCOM chaired; and

(d) whether a detailed inquiry will be initiated on above meetings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An examination of the matter did not bring out any violation of the provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Telephone exchanges set on fire by PWG naxals

5139. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that PWG naxals set on fire two telephone exchange in the first week of February, 2002 in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the estimated loss suffered in this fire; and

(c) action taken to nab the culprits and prevent such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Government of Andhra Pradesh has intimated that during the first week of February, 2002, the PW extremists set fire to three Telehphone Exchanges, causing loss of Rs. 34 lakh.

(c) Government of Andhra Pradesh is taking all steps to nab the accused persons involved in these incidents by intensified raids and combing operations in the affected areas, besides providing security to the vital installations located in vulnerable areas.

Pamphlet circulated by RSS in Jharkhand

5140. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Hindustan Times of 29th April, 2002 under the caption "RSS pamphlet has Jharkhand police worried";

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and